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I think the FDA should ban forced molting. It is dangerous for chickens and people in Canada and the U.S. alike. Starving the hens ~~h~~ harms their immune systems, so they get diseases (like salmonella) that spread to other chickens. It also just plain isn't good for the chickens. I know this because I have an eating disorder and I starved myself for a long time. It stunted my growth, and I'll bet if I were a chicken it would have a bad effect on the quality of my eggs. I really don't see how anyone could think that starving a chicken could be good for the eggs, although I do understand that it can make them lay more eggs. Still, it's not a good idea.

I know animal welfare is the USDA's department, but since you (the FDA) regulate human health and stuff, I think you could count forced molting as being in your jurisdiction since it does threaten human health. (Again, look at salmonella poisoning.) People I've talked to are worried ~~about~~ about it. Some are even ~~saying~~ saying to try to get only Canadian eggs because of it. I don't know anyone personally who's gotten sick from ~~a~~ salmonella (as far as I know), but I don't want to see it happen.

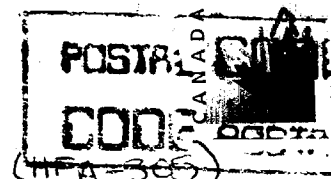
Please ban forced molting. Thank you.

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